

**Devotional Thoughts :: Do I Major on the Minors?**

Do I Major on the Minors? - posted by Heydave (), on: 2011/11/6 12:36

Do I 'major' on the 'minors'?
Am I straining out the gnat?
Zealous in pursuit of truth?
Without God's heart in that.

Do I 'major' on the 'minors'?
Have I lost my sight of love?
What moves the heart of Jesus?
Sheep lost from Him above.

I think I have all knowledge
Of all divine intent,
But all this is just futile
Without the love content.

If you 'major' on the 'minors'
Truth will soon be far away.
So keep your heart, be careful
And walk in love each day.

Inspired by recent post on Tozer's word on 'Majoring on the Minors' and Carter Conlon's message at the recent Fear of God conference.

Re: Do I Major on the Minors?, on: 2011/11/7 10:14

Amen brother Dave.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2011/11/7 13:12

Hi Frank,

Was it you that recently posted the article by Tozer about majoring on the minors? If so, can you remind me where I can find it.

Many thanks,

Dave.

Re: , on: 2011/11/7 15:44

Hey Dave (okay, that made me smile:)

It was not me that posted it, but as usual, I was blessed by what Tozer said. I think it was in one of the head-covering posts or related posts. I do not have the energy to look through those posts brother :)bro Frank

Re: Heydave & appolus - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/7 16:21

Hi Brothers.

I think you may be thinking of this:

Posted by El-Bethel on page 15 of the last headcovering thread:

October: Failure and Success

No man is worthy to succeed until he is willing to fail. No man is morally worthy of success in religious activities until he is willing that the honor of succeeding should go to another if God so wills.

Born After Midnight, 58.

October 28

Failure and Success: The Things That Matter

...that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

--Philippians 1:10-11

In life there will be found certain great fundamentals, like pillars bearing up the weight of some mighty building....

The wise man will simplify his life by going to the center of it. He will look well to the foundations and, having done that, he will not worry about the rest.

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"Oh God, we are so inundated with distracting things and clamorous voices. Deliver me today from the trifling things and help me to spend every minute of the day on 'the things that matter.' Amen."

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2011/11/7 17:23

Hi Doug, thanks for finding this.

Yes it was this part I was thinking of:

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A. W. Tozer - The Next Chapter After the Last, 11, 14

Re: , on: 2011/11/7 21:55

Tozer writes.....

"Every believer as well as every minister of Christ must decide whether he will put his emphasis upon the majors or the minors"

I think the key word here is emphasis. A man speaks about what he is passionate about. If we see an emphasis on the minors, a continual focus on them, then we see a problem. If it is a deep rooted problem, you will see a denial of actual salvation if you "do this," or "don't do that." I believe that is when we see the true pharisaical spirit.

Jesus Himself stood before the Pharisees. And what was their main objection? When did they go out and plot to kill Him? After He healed on the Sabbath. They were so focussed on their rules, or at least their interpretation of them, that they convinced themselves that there is no way this could be Messiah because Messiah would never break the Law, and the law in this case was working. Jesus had been judged by those whose lives depended upon the outside of the cup. They were so obsessed by their laws and the outward appearance that it blinded them to Jesus standing right in front of them. bro Frank

Joh 5:14-16 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (15) The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. (16) And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.